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## Message from the State Librarian

**Robin Westphal, State Librarian**



Someone told me the other day that I should have been keeping a journal recording my thoughts and feeling about how COVID-19 has affected my work here at the Missouri State Library. In hindsight, I think that would have been a great idea because there are

so many little details that unfortunately I am not going to remember. It has been a frenzy of activity and our staff has shown reliance, creativity and an unwavering dedication to the people and institutions we serve. I cannot say enough about the people who have made the choice to work at the Missouri State Library.

I imagine, if I would have kept a journal, I would have daily entries about the reliance, creativity and unwavering dedication of library professionals from across the state. Stories about school/library partnerships that assure that a community's kiddos have food every day. Entries about libraries that not only left their Wi-Fi on after hours, but also actively made sure students and others knew exactly how to get to the parking lot to use this essential service. Entries about library directors who have gone



above and beyond to make their staff safe as they return back to work.

I do not say it enough, but library staff are my heroes. The struggles you are facing right now are intense as you reopen or get ready to reopen. In addition, many of you have been homeschool teachers and caregivers. Know that we are, and will continue to be here to help you any way we can. Don't forget to attend our [weekly forums](#) that will continue indefinitely on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. I also recommend bookmarking the [COVID-19 Libguide](#) created by the State Library's Reference Services department.

Be safe. Be kind to yourself. Be okay to ask for help.

Take care, my friends—  
Robin

# Missouri State Library News

## Exciting News Regarding Homeless Training Institute

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Thank you all for making the Homeless Training Institute (HTI) a success. As of May, we have had over 50,000 views. For those of you who are not familiar with HTI, it is a free webinar series that the State Library provides for public libraries to focus on how to help homeless patrons, and also how to deal with problematic issues that can come up when dealing with all patrons. Its mission is to *"train library staff to confidently and*

*compassionately solve problem behavior from troubled individuals."* Starting in July we will be able to provide this training to public school and academic libraries as well. We will post to our listservs when these webinars are held. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Adult Services Consultant Merideth Johnson at [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 751-1822.

## Summer Library Program Additional Resources

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The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) leadership and staff have created a resource of materials for use with 2020 summer reading programs. The resource includes ideas from CSLP's current and past manuals that have been adapted to respond to the unique challenges of this year's summer programming. The additional resource contains six weeks of content highlighting early literacy, children, teens, adults, and family programming. The materials are divided by age group and can be distributed directly to patrons as printed packets or online in a way that works best for your library. All activities are designed for patrons to do at home and are little to no cost.

Online access to the materials is available through the CSLP website, <https://www.cslpreads.org/>. A PDF of the materials is available at [Additional Resources](#).



For an editable version, sign into your public library's CSLP account and access content from the online manuals.

Once logged into the Online Manual:

1. Scroll down to the "Artwork and Program Files" section of the manual
2. On the right hand sidebar locate the "Summer 2020 Reimagined" category
3. Click on the checkbox to the immediate right of "Summer 2020 Reimagined" to bring up a list of all the files, or
4. Click on the "+" icon to the right to bring up the age group categories

## New Collection in Missouri Digital Heritage

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A new collection from the Missouri State Archives is now available through Missouri Digital Heritage. The [Vanishing Missouri Photograph Collection](#) includes over 1,700 public submissions to the Vanishing Missouri photograph contests conducted by Missouri Secretaries of State in the 1990s. Submissions were judged on quality and historical significance, and the winning photographs were published in the *Official Manual for the State of Missouri*, also known as the Blue Book.

All entries were added to the Missouri State Archives as a permanent collection. Most entries relate to agriculture, families, early homes and architecture.

Explore more Missouri history collections at <http://www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com>. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact [mdh@sos.mo.gov](mailto:mdh@sos.mo.gov).

## Edge Update

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The State Library staff has made the decision to not renew the statewide contract with the Urban Library Council to provide the Edge Assessment to public libraries. These past three months have presented unexpected challenges and we had to rethink the resources provided through statewide grants in order to better serve Missouri's library community in the 2021 fiscal year. The Edge Assessment is a useful tool which enables libraries to make informed decisions about their technological resources and to better serve their communities and the state library

hopes to offer this assessment method to public libraries again in the future.

On July 1, 2020, the [Edge Assessment](#) will no longer be available for library staff to take the assessment or access the results of a completed assessment. You can print your Assessment summary and comparison reports and action plans by logging into your Edge account before July 1. If you have questions about the Edge Assessment, contact Janet Caruthers at (573) 526-1087 or [janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov](mailto:janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov).

## Edge Assessment and MOREnet Services Crosswalk

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For libraries that have completed an Edge Assessment, a new tool is available to help you determine if a MOREnet resource or service can help you meet a specific benchmark. [MOREnet](#) staff has created a crosswalk that lists the MOREnet resources or services that support the Edge Assessment benchmarks. The [crosswalk](#)

shows which specific benchmark indicators are supported by MOREnet's professional development trainings, security services, online resources, member services, or fee-based services. Contact Janet Caruthers at (573) 526-1087 or [janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov](mailto:janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov) with questions.

## Girls Who Code: Code at Home

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Free computer science activities for students, educators, and parents are available from Girls Who Code. The activities, some online and some offline, are of varying levels of difficulty. [Girls Who Code At Home Activities](#) are released weekly. Each activity features a woman who pioneered innovative technology. [Girls Who Code](#) is an organization that works

to close the technology gender gap in K-12 grades and increase exposure to women and other minorities in technology. Girls Who Code sponsor free [after-school clubs](#) for grades 3-12 girls to explore coding in a fun and friendly environment. The clubs are led by volunteers and can be held at school or libraries.



## Upcoming Training from MOREnet

### **Video for Mobile Devices on Friday, June 12, 2020, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

This Zoom webinar will cover how to shoot and edit video with mobile devices. Why buy an expensive camera and editing equipment when you have everything you need in your phone or on your tablet? If you have been thinking about creating instructional videos, podcasts, demos, tutorials or any other types of teaching activities with video, this session is for you. We will discuss

and demonstrate tools for shooting and editing video for podcasts, YouTube, screencasts, and other uses. We will explore and use tools for converting video between multiple formats, recording, and adding audio and where to put your finished products. Examples will be created using Android, iPad and PC recording devices. Register at [Video for Mobile Devices](#).

### **Building Your Own Breakout Room on Monday, July 6, 2020, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Breakout rooms/boxes are an innovative way to bring technology and critical thinking into the library/classroom. They promote engagement, collaboration and can also be used as an authentic assessment tool. They can be done with no tech or show tech, using physical boxes or digital environments. In this hands-on session

we will explore a variety of ideas for building your own breakout challenges. Participants will leave with resources for making your own breakout rooms/boxes, if they can breakout. This training session will be held at MOREnet's office in Columbia, Mo. Register at [Building Your Own Breakout Room](#).

### **Mid-America Library Alliance's upcoming webinar**

#### **How to Prepare Your Library for Generation Z with Lauren Hays, Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology at the University of Central Missouri, Wednesday, June 24, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

This webinar presentation will provide insights on the generation born between 1997- 2012. Explaining how libraries can meet the needs of this upcoming generation with programming and Gen Z-focused library services, this training

also provides managers with insights into how best to integrate Gen Z workers into the library workforce and create a productive, cohesive work environment for everyone. For more information, click [here](#).



### **Reference Services for YOU: Library Directors LibGuide**

For months, libraries have adapted quickly to stay safe but still be connected to and supportive of their communities. As Missouri begins to reopen, you may have many questions. How do we reopen? Should we clean or quarantine our materials? Where can I find signage for my library? The State Library team created and continues to update a guide to help answer these questions and more!

The [Missouri Public Library Directors Guide](#) shares resources for public libraries from the State Library's collections as well as resources freely available online. The latest addition, a [COVID-19 Resources](#) page, features a wide variety of information on reopening guidelines, cleaning practices, facemasks, reimagined patron services, and virtual programming. The guide also showcases resources to help with answering patron questions, including information about Missouri's response, statistics on the virus' spread, and news coverage to stay updated.

On the other pages of the guide, you can browse recorded trainings and webinars, our [catalog](#) for professional development titles, and access a wide range of [government publications](#), resources which can be shared with your staff.

If you or your staff have questions about our guide, or anything else related to the State Library's resources, please contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

Phone: (573) 751-3615

Email: [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov)

Chat: visit [mostate.libguides.com](http://mostate.libguides.com) and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right







## Around the State

### Welcome New Directors!

Kathleen Busick with Butler Public Library

## Grant Opportunities

### CARES Grant • **DEADLINE: No later than July 1, 2020**

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The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce a grant opportunity for public libraries as a result of CARES Act funding received through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Funds must be used in keeping with IMLS guidelines for priorities and purposes:

1. Primarily to address digital inclusion and related technical support, using the following types of data to inform targeted efforts:
  - a. Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
  - b. Unemployment;
  - c. Broadband availability;
2. Secondly to address other efforts that prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and
3. With respect to (a) or (b), reach museum and tribal partners, in addition to traditionally eligible library entities, where appropriate.

We request that all applications be received by July 1, but know that we are encouraging you to apply as soon as possible because we won't be waiting until July 1 to begin awarding grants. We know some of you have immediate needs and we want to get funds out ASAP.

If you have questions about this grant, please contact one of the members of our CARES fund team: Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant (573) 526-1087 or [janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov](mailto:janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov);

Matt Butler, Digitization Consultant (and Technology Consultant as well for this grant) (573) 522-1477 or [matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov](mailto:matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov); or Debbie Musselman, Library Development Director [debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov](mailto:debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 751-2679.

The Technology Mini Grant opportunity with applications due July 1, 2020 is postponed while the CARES grant is in process. Watch future issues of *Show Me Express* for its new due date.

### Author Visit Grant • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

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This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Grants range from \$500 up to \$5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, up to \$500 towards library materials for collection development

related to the project, additional staff hours, and transportation for youth from school or licensed child care. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at [lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-9564.



### **Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of an eligible, non-credit continuing education event. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services

and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov) or call (573) 751-1822.

### **Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Group Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Do you want to bring an expert to your library for training? This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for a host library or library consortium to plan and provide group training(s) on current, relevant, unique and/or in-demand topics at a local, regional or statewide level. Grants range from \$500 up to \$8,000. These

grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about this Show Me Steps grant opportunity, please contact Merideth Johnson at [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov) or call (573) 751-1822.